

Attention FDA

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It came to my attention that the FDA is being asked to take away my right to sign a medical waiver before purchasing a hearing aid. Instead I would be forced to have a medical exam or hearing test. Here's my views and/or experiences on several related questions?

1. Should I be forced to have a medical exam and/or hearing test before purchasing a hearing aid? If so, should the FDA pay for the exam?

My right to sign a medical waiver should not be taken away.

2. Some people are physically unable to drive to a doctor or hearing specialist, or have had bad experiences they don't want to repeat. For instance ...

I paid for an exam and the estimated cost of hearing instruments was over \$3,000.00. I simply could not afford the expense.

3. Should the FDA take away my Constitutional Right, affirmed by the Supreme Court, to decide for myself my medical exams and treatment?

No, I have knowingly decided, on my own, how best to correct my hearing problems.

4. Should I be allowed to purchase hearing aids by mail as I choose?

I have used mail order aids for ten years. The money back offer, from the suppliers, have allowed me to try a series of aids until I found the right ones for me.

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